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Classified by Charge d'Affaires Martin Quinn, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Charge raised reftel demarches on Kosovo in late January with MFA Office Director for International Cooperation Abdul Khalaq bin Daher, who expressed reservations about taking steps that might antagonize Russia. While the UAE appears to have no strong feelings about Kosovo itself, its need to balance relations with the larger powers leads it to an ambivalent attitude about an independent Kosovo. We are not confident that the UAEG will quickly recognize the new state.

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